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45/10. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/4 of 17 October 1988, relating to the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, 1/

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

Bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements and agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and whose activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

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Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles, and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the peace process in the Central American region,

Recalling further the document entitled "Co-operation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations", submitted to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States on 4 June 1990 in connection with resolution AG/RES.941 (XVIII-O/88), adopted on 19 November 1988,

Bearing in mind the adoption by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States on 8 June 1990 of resolution AG/RES.1063 (XX-O/90) recommending the establishment of a centre for the promotion of democracy to assist member States that are seeking to preserve and strengthen their democratic processes and institutions,

Convinced of the need for more efficient and co-ordinated utilization of available economic and financial resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

Aware that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as his efforts to strengthen that co-operation;

2. Expresses its satisfaction at the close co-operation between the two organizations in the verification of the electoral process in Nicaragua from August 1989 to February 1990;

3. Recognizes the effectiveness of the co-operation between the two organizations with respect to the procedures established by the Central American Presidents within the context of the subregional peace process;

4. Welcomes the results of the work of the International Support and Verification Commission, established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, as a machinery for the purposes of the execution and implementation of the Joint Plan for the voluntary demobilization, repatriation or relocation in Nicaragua or third countries of the members of the Nicaraguan resistance and their families, as well as assistance for the demobilization of all those involved in armed actions in the countries of the region when such persons voluntarily request it; 2/

2/ See A/44/451-S/20778.

5. Recognizes the importance of the participation of the International Support and Verification Commission in the demobilization of the irregular forces of the Nicaraguan resistance and takes note with satisfaction of the fundamental role of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in the military aspects of the process and of the activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the operational area;

6. Welcomes the participation of the Organization of American States in the Support Committee and the Policies and Projects Committee of the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America, 3/ established by General Assembly resolution 42/231 of 12 May 1988;

7. Takes note of the agreement of 6 April 1989 between the two organizations on the implementation of resolution 43/4, and of the consultations held at United Nations Headquarters on 14 February 1990;

8. Recommends that there should be an intensification of the preparations for the general meeting between representatives of the Organization of American States and of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, for the purpose of holding consultations on projects, measures and procedures which will facilitate and broaden co-operation between those organizations;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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3/ A/42/949, annex.